Ban on Terrorist Organisations in J&K

2205. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban on terrorist groups/ organisations has expired in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, which are these groups;

(c) since when the ban has expired; and

(d) whether Government are of the opinion that since these groups/ organisations have stopped their anti-national activities, there is no need to ban these groups/organisations again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front was banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 vide notification dated 17.2.1998, which was valid upto 16.2.2000.

(d) Laskar-e-Toiba, Hizab-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-e-Jehad-Islami and Al-Bader are the significant militant/terrorist outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir and none of them has been banned. The matter is reviewed on a continuous basis and decisions regarding banning any particular outfit is taken as per assessment of the situation on the basis of reports received from various quarters. The State Government has been advised to consider to take suitable necessary action.

Overcrowding in Jails

2206. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether over-crowding and unsanitary conditions of prisons have been reported in various parts of the country by the National Human Rights Commission;

(b) whether the Supreme Court's directive to district and sessions judges to visit prisons as part of duty is not being implemented; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed in this regard to tackle overcrowding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Overcrowding and prevalence of insanitary conditions in prisons has come to the notice of the